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SUBJECT: FLUORIDATION OF WOLVERHAMPTON WATER SUPPLY

1. THE WOLVERHAMPTON AREA HEALTH AUTHORITY HAS SOUGHT OUR ASSISTANCE IN OBTAINING INFORMATION ABOUT FLUORIDATION OF WATER SUPPLIES AS IT IS DEBATING THE ISSUE PRESENTLY. THEIR LETTER STRESSES THE DECISION WILL BE MADE ON MEDICAL AND FINANCIAL GROUNDS, AND THAT "AT NO POINT DOES IT BECOME A POLITICAL MATTER." THE VOTE IS TO TAKE PLACE APRIL 26, 1976. QUOTED BELOW ARE THE ESSENTIAL PARAGRAPHS OF THE LETTER:

BEGIN TEXT:

RUMOUR: THERE ARE RUMOURS CIRCULATING THAT A NUMBER OF CITIES IN THE U.S.A., PRINCIPALLY NEW YORK, SAN DIEGO, KANSAS CITY, LOS ANGELES, BUT INCLUDING OTHERS, HAVE RECENTLY STOPPED FLUORIDATING THEIR WATER SUPPLIES AFTER A LONG PERIOD OF USING FLUORIDES.

QUESTIONS:

- A) ARE THESE RUMOURS TRUE?
- B) WAS THE DECISION TO STOP BASED ON FINANCIAL GROUNDS OR WHAT?
- OR C) WAS THE DECISION TO STOP BASED ON THE FACT THAT FLUORIDES HAVE BEEN FOUND TO CORRODE WATER PIPES? IF SO, WHAT SORT OF COSTS ARE INVOLVED IN REPLACING THESE WATER PIPES?

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END TEXT.

2. ACTION REQUESTED: PLEASE PROVIDE AS COMPLETE AN
ANSWER AS YOU CAN BY APRIL 2, TELEGRAPHICALLY IF
NECESSARY, TO ALLOW INFORMATION TO BE PASSED TO
WOLVERHAMPTON IN TIME TO BE DEBATED BEFORE THE EASTER
HOLIDAYS (APRIL 16-19 IN UK).

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